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Dear Sir

OPERATION KRATOS; SUICIDE BOMBERS

We spoke about your letter of today's date.

This is a very fast moving situation and I understand the pressures you and your officers are having to work under and the dangers your officers are facing.

We agreed that we could not sensibly discuss the form of the investigation while the counter terrorist operation is still underway. As I explained, I do not believe Section 17 can be suspended as you suggest.

We agreed that the best way forward would be for you and I to meet with Nick Hardwick to review the position and the options available. I have asked my office to arrange this as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I would suggest that the Metropolitan Police should not make any statement at all about the form of any investigation.

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